

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 31

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1955

Mrs. BUCHANAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a Joint Com-
3 mittee on Intelligence Matters to be composed of nine
4 Members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of
5 the Senate, and nine Members of the House of Representa-
6 tives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Repre-
7 sentatives. In each instance not more than five Members
8 shall be members of the same political party.

9 SEC. 2. The joint committee shall make continuing studies
10 of the intelligence activities and problems relating to the
11 gathering of intelligence affecting the national security and
12 of its coordination and utilization by the various depart-

1 ments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government.
2 The Central Intelligence Agency and related intelligence
3 services shall keep the joint committee fully and currently
4 informed with respect to their activities. All bills, resolu-
5 tions, and other matters in the Senate or the House of Rep-
6 resentatives relating primarily to the Central Intelligence
7 Agency and related intelligence services shall be referred
8 to the joint committee. The members of the joint committee
9 who are Members of the Senate shall from time to time
10 report to the Senate, and the members of the joint com-
11 mittee who are Members of the House of Representatives
12 shall from time to time report to the House, by bill or other-
13 wise, their recommendations with respect to matters within
14 the jurisdiction of their respective Houses which are (1) re-
15 ferred to the joint committee or (2) otherwise within the
16 jurisdiction of the joint committee.

17 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
18 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
19 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall
20 be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original
21 selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman and
22 a vice chairman from among its members.

23 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-
24 committee thereof is authorized to hold such hearings, to

1 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpena
2 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-
3 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer
4 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing
5 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems ad-
6 visable. The cost of stenographic services to report such
7 hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred
8 words.

9 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint
10 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and sten-
11 ographic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable.
12 The committee is authorized to utilize the services, infor-
13 mation, facilities, and personnel of the departments and
14 establishments of the Government.

15 SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which
16 shall not exceed \$ per year, shall be paid one-half
17 from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from
18 the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon
19 vouchers signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay
20 such expenses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate
21 out of the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent
22 fund to be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House
23 of Representatives in the amount of one-half of the disburse-
24 ment so made.

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